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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: J. Wengel et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/152,059 GROUP: 1656  
FILED: September 11, 1998 EXAMINER: J. Riley  
FOR: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Applicant is in receipt of the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2000. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title and before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following paragraph to replace the existing priority claim:

--This application claims the benefit of the application U.S. provisional applications: U.S. provisional application number 60/058,541, filed 12 September 1997, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/068,293, filed 19 December 1997, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/071,682, filed 16 January 1998, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/076,591, filed 3 March 1998, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/083,507, filed 29 April 1998, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/088,309, filed 5 June 1998, now abandoned; and U.S. provisional application number 60/094,355, filed 28 July 1998, now abandoned; all of which are incorporated herein by reference.